



CITY of BEAVERTON

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ENTER TO WIN 'IF I WERE MAYOR...' STUDENT CONTEST

- Submit Entries by May 28 for a Chance to Win a \$50 VISA Gift Card -

BEAVERTON, Oregon (March 31, 2010) – Attention Beaverton students in grades 4-6, Middle School, High School and College! You are encouraged to enter the "If I Were Mayor..." contest to win a \$50 VISA gift card and go on to compete in a statewide competition sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA). There are three ways to win:

- poster contest for 4th through 6th grade students;
- essay contest for 7th and 8th grade students;
- and a video contest for high school and college students.

The winner in each category will present their entry at the Monday, June 21, 2010, City Council meeting. And, go on to compete in the statewide competition for a laptop computer to be presented at the Annual Oregon Mayors Association Conference in Cottage Grove on July 31, 2010.

"This is a great opportunity for Beaverton's youth to be creative and tell me what they would do if they had my job," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "Parents and teachers should encourage their students to enter the contest and engage in civic involvement. You just never know where the next great idea for Beaverton may come from; it could be from one of our bright, aspiring youth."

Mayor Denny Doyle and the Beaverton City Council will judge the local entries based on the criteria outlined by the Oregon Mayors Association. Judges will consider:

- **Creativity:** does the student demonstrate curiosity and originality?
- **Clarity/sincerity of thought:** is the submission well thought out and organized?
- **Proper use of grammar:** does the submission contain proper spelling, grammar and punctuation?
- **Subject relevancy:** Are the major points relevant to the role of a government leader? Does the student demonstrate an understanding of municipal government and the job of Mayor?

Contest deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2010.

For more information, the full list of contest rules and an application form, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/IfIWereMayor or email Joyce Barnard at jbarnard@ci.beaverton.or.us

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton was recently named the **safest city in the Northwest** for the third consecutive year. Among other accolades, Beaverton was also lauded as one of the **Best Places to Raise Kids in America by BusinessWeek** magazine, one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America by Money** magazine, an **All-America City finalist in 2005**, is recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a **Green Power Community** and is designated as a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.

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